HIST493.38 HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE / SELECTED TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Prof. F.W. Stahnisch
Fall Term 2016

Monday 12:30-13:20 & Thursday 17:30-19:20 (outside med. exam periods; Mon, CCT & Thur, G500)
(small-group sessions during med. exam periods: TRW-3, Nightingale Rm.)

HSC – Health Sciences Centre / CCT – Clara Christie Theatre / G500 is opposite CCT – occasionally overflow theatres are used

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Web:  https://hom.ucalgary.ca

WEB-BASED MATERIALS (Access during term time)

This course makes use of Desire2Learn (D2L) and the History of Medicine and Health Care program website: (https://hom.ucalgary.ca). Students will find the following materials on D2L: (http://d2l.ucalgary.ca).

- the course description
- instructions for “assignments”/HOM “presentations”/HMD “presentations or posters”
- some selected PowerPoint presentations of the lectures and workshops
- discussion handouts for the Thursday workshops
- library resource materials and Internet links
- bibliography of additional readings for the individual sessions of the course

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This course is a survey of the history of medicine and health care, particularly in Western societies (Europe and North America), from antiquity to the present. Its general organization focuses on major topics rather than being chronologically based. The aims are:

♦ to sketch in thematic blocks main subject lines pertinent to the evolution and status of modern medicine and health care in its cultural contexts;

♦ to examine the ways in which the body, health and disease were conceptualized in the past, and to situate the major shifts in medical knowledge and healing practice in the context of broader historical changes in Western societies;

♦ to examine the changing role of “the healer” and the “patient” over time and in differing cultural and social contexts;

♦ to track the evolution of some of the major institutional and societal frameworks of medicine and health care – embodied in areas of medical education, life science research, hospital design, and health care provision;

♦ to analyze the ways in which human societies and their healers interacted in the face of medical challenges, both in differing times and parallel cultural evolutions.
The course is basically divided into three parts:

- **The First Part** (Sept. to Nov. 2016) follows a lecture-based format, augmented by individual classes given by external faculty introducing topics of their scholarly expertise and in-depth interest. The Thursday workshops allow for more interactive discussion of respective themes and source material in a cooperative “Oslerian” atmosphere. After an introduction to some major themes, objectives, and sources of the history of medicine, it presents various pre-Modern areas of medicine by discussing topics from Ancient Medicine, such as the “Hippocratic Oath,” Renaissance Medicine and Science, or the History of Anatomy since the Time of the Greeks. It then moves on to exemplify a number of important topics from modern medicine in their genealogy: the revolution in scientific and laboratory medicine, medical education and specialization, the rise of pathology and genetic medicine, elderly patients, and the development of biomedical ethics. Three sessions are further devoted to historical and contemporary issues of Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM) to discuss this “parallel system,” present since the Medieval Ages, and its opposition to laboratory-based medicine. Further important modern influences are scrutinized, such as the “Flexner Report” and the history of the Canadian Health Care System, as well as the development of Aboriginal and Western Medicine in Canada.

- **The Second Part** (Nov. 2016 to Feb. 2017) is essentially student-run and starts with two classes on “Heroes, Rogues, and Charlatans,” in which the students present their own small group interactions with source material and medical writings featuring, for example, “great doctors,” “founders,” “cutting-edge technologies,” “social and scientific break-throughs,” as well as “medical malefactors,” “charlatans,” “outsiders,” or “economic crooks,” thus, questioning traditional positivistic or Whiggish trends in the historiography of medicine and science. At the beginning of January (which is essentially the first part of the consecutive course HTST493.39), the first student presentations will start in class and continue until the last week of February, when the “Selected Topics in the History of Medicine” will end with a featured lecture on the “History of I.V. Injection” paired with practical exercises for the medical and health care students.

- **The Third Part** (March, 2017) is a short but very intensive component of the course. In preparatory workshops, students will have the chance to again rehearse and discuss their preparation of talks, posters, and PowerPoint presentations etc. for the forthcoming History of Medicine Days (HMD) in Calgary. All class members are requested to take part in this student-run conference, an intellectually intriguing, academically rich, and superb social event bringing together undergraduate medical and other students from interdisciplinary fields from all over Canada during March 17 and 18, 2017. All proposals for panel presentations (10-12 min.) and posters (3-5 min.) related to “Medicine and its Cultural Context” are eligible for selection into the program. This part ends with the submission of a research-based course paper (“annotated bibliography”) for students from the History Department, the O’Brien Centre for the Health Sciences, and all other students who take HTST493.38 as a full credit course.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are requested to:

   - *Medicine, Life and Function: Experimental Strategies and Medical Modernity at the Intersection of Pathology and Physiology*, by Frank W. Stahnisch (Bochum, Freiburg: Projektverlag, 2012)
   - The required readings are extremely important; students will be asked questions about them during the course and in the small-group sessions.

2. And are required to complete the following assignments:
   - **Oral presentation** (15 min. individual presentation)
     “Heroes, Rogues, and Charlatans”: 25%
   - **An annotated bibliography** of their research topic (7 pp. 1.5-spaced: 4 pp. selected bibliographical references and 3 pp. detailed critical assessment of the lit.)
     - due on Thurs. **Dec. 8, 2016** before 4:00 p.m. This annotated bibliography must be received on or before the due date, either in class or in the Department of Community Health Science’s main office (TRW Building, Third Floor, Room 3D25-4): 45%
   - plus **active participation** in the course & **adequate answers** to questions: 30%

Suggestions for possible research topics and instructions for presentations can be obtained during the Preparatory Interviews or by making an office appointment. In addition, bibliographical material will be posted on the website of the History of Medicine and Health Care Program.

It is imperative that all students pre-read for small-group discussion in class. Text assignments are given to the students who attend the small-group reading sessions – beginning **Oct. 20, 2016** (TRW, Nightingale Room).

The University of Calgary values **Academic Integrity**. Therefore all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the code of student conduct and disciplinary procedures (see [http://www.ucalgary.com/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html](http://www.ucalgary.com/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html) for more information).

**Course Timetable:** This schedule might be altered to take into consideration instructors’ time constraints and unforeseen situations. The students will be notified ahead of time through Prof. Stahnisch’s office.
COURSE CALENDAR

Mon, 12 Sept: Thematic Course Introduction

Thurs, 15 Sept: How to Choose, Refine, and Present your Topic

Mon, 19 Sept: Ancient Medicine I

Thur, 22 Sept: Ancient Medicine II

Mon, 26 Sept: Renaissance Medical Science: William Harvey

Thur, 29 Sept: Interview Day and Topic Assignment (Office Hours)
Students can bring material related to their research interests. Topic lists are also handed out.

Mon, 3 Oct: Renaissance Physicians

Thurs, 6 Oct: History of Paediatrics since the Early Modern Period

Mon, 10 Oct: No Class (Thanksgiving Day)!

Thur, 13 Oct: History of Anatomy & Medical Museums

**Mon, 17 Oct: Medicine & Science**


**Mon, 24 Oct: Pathology and Clinical Medicine – The Birth of the Clinic**

**Thur, 27 Oct: History of Contemporary Pathology**

**Mon, 31 Oct: History of Complementary Medicine I**

**Thur, 3 Nov: History of Complementary Medicine II**

**Mon, 7 Nov: History of Social Medicine, Epidemiology and Public Health**
Thurs, 10 Nov-Sat., 12 Nov: No Class (Reading Days)!

Mon, 14 Nov: Aging, Specialization, and Canadian Geriatrics

Thur, 17 Nov: History of the Physician-Nurse Relationship

Mon, 21 Nov: Coercive Human Subject Experimentation in Extreme Political Contexts

Thurs, 24 Nov: History and Development of Aboriginal and Western Medicine in Canada

Mon, 28 Nov: Eugenics, Euthanasia, and the History of Biomedical Ethics

Thur, 1 Dec: Heroes, Rogues, and Charlatans I

Mon, 5 Dec: Heroes, Rogues, and Charlatans II

Thur, 8 Dec Medieval Medicine (2nd Small Group Session)

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**THE FALL TERM COURSE OFFICIALLY CONCLUDES WITH THE END OF THE FALL TERM LECTURES ON FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 2016**

**Important Departmental, Faculty, and University Information**

**Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:**

Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. For detailed information on common academic concerns, you can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at [http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate](http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate).

For program planning and advice, contact the Arts Students Centre, Social Sciences 102, 403-220-3580, or visit [http://arts.ucalgary.ca/advising](http://arts.ucalgary.ca/advising).

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit the office in the MacKimmie Library Block.

**Departmental Twitter Handle @ucalgaryhist** - For departmental updates and notifications

**Writing:**

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented.

**Writing Support:**

Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15-minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit [www.ucalgary.ca/ssc](http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc).

**Copyright:**

The University of Calgary has opted out of the Access Copyright Interim Tariff proposed by the Copyright Board. This means that instructors in all University of Calgary courses will strictly adhere to Copyright Act regulations and the educational exceptions permitted by the Act for both print and digital course material. What this simply means is that no copyrighted material may be placed on course D2L or web sites without the prior permission of the copyright holders. In some cases, this may mean that instructors will require you to purchase a print coursepack from the University of Calgary bookstore or
that you will have to consult books on reserve at the library. For more information on the University of Calgary’s copyright policy, see http://library.ucalgary.ca/copyright.

**Red Box Policy:**

Essays and other assignments may be handed in to the red box located outside of the History Department office (SS 656). Assignments received after 4:00 p.m. will be date stamped with the date of the next business day. We do not time stamp any papers. Please do not bring your paper into the office to be stamped. The box is emptied promptly at 8:30 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**Departmental Grading System:**

The following percentage-to-letter grade conversion scheme has been adopted for use in all Canadian Studies, History, and Latin American Studies courses.

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<td>Good—clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.</td>
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<td>Minimal pass—marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.</td>
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<td>Fail—unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.</td>
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Plagiarism:
Plagiarism occurs when one submits or presents one’s work in a course, or ideas and/or passages in a written piece of work, as if it were one’s own work done expressly for that particular course, when, in fact, it is not. As noted in The History Student’s Handbook, plagiarism may take several forms:

- Failure to cite sources properly may be considered plagiarism. This could include quotations, and wording used from another source but not acknowledged.
- Borrowed, purchased, and/or ghostwritten papers are considered plagiarism, as is submitting one's own work for more than one course without the permission of the instructor(s) involved.
- Extensive paraphrasing of one or a few sources is also considered plagiarism, even when notes are used, unless the essay is a critical analysis of those works.
- The use of notes does not justify the sustained presentation of another author’s language and ideas as one’s own.

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and written work that appears to contain plagiarized passages will not be graded. All such work will be reported to the Faculty of Arts’ associate deans of students who will apply the penalties specified in the University of Calgary Calendar.

Universal Student Ratings of Instruction:
At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference. Please participate in USRI Surveys.

Student Accommodations:
Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected grounds other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf.

Other Useful Information:
Faculty of Arts Representatives: 403-220-6551, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.

Please also familiarize yourself about the following topics by consulting the information at these links:

Freedom of Information: http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/foip-hia
Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points:
http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints

Safewalk: http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk

Student Union Information: http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/

Graduate Student Association: http://www.ucalgary.ca/gsa/

Student Ombudsman Office: http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds

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